

# California High Cost Fund B

PU Code Sec 276.5 requires the CPUC to minimize telephone rate disparities between rural and metropolitan areas to keep rates affordable in areas with lower population density. This fund supports “carriers of last resort” to keep rates affordable in these “high cost” areas to enable residents to stay connected to essential services.

## Fiscal Year 2016-17 Enacted Program Budget - \$22.3 million

Company	Supported Lines as of Dec 31, 2015
AT&T	72,322
Frontier / Citizens	50,812
Verizon MCI Metro Access	215
<b>Total Supported Lines</b>	<b>123,349</b>

These carriers serve approximately 7 million lines.

Supports **123,349** lines at per line average of **\$11.22 per month** or **\$134.66 per year**



Supporting “high cost” areas where the cost of providing service is \$36 or more per telephone line

Supporting residents in rural areas across **57 counties**

